(c) whether Government are aware that due to the financial constraints, the Government of Haryana is unable to help the needy farmers for digging cut/installing deep Tube-wells through MITC on the demands of the farmers having been affected by saline-water of their own personal Tube-wells and are unable to install deep tube-wells in Karnal District?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (c) Statement giving the details of Irrigation Projects undertaken in the VII Plan and ongoing Projects of Northern States is attached.

[See Appendix CLXVIII, Annexure No. 64]

Demand for Renovation of Canal System from Bihar

4630. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Canal System of Bihar is nearly hundred years old and Tribeni Nagar System is more than Seventy years old;

(b) whether it is a fact that Bihar Government has been demanding that these Canal Systems should be renovated without any delay;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the scheme has been lying pending since Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) The Sone and Tribeni Canal Systems were completed in 1879 and 1914 respectively.

(b) to (d) The Sone canal modernisation projects phase-I covering a command area of 30,000 hectares was examined and found techno-economically acceptable for investment clearance in September 1984 provided State Government reformulate and update the scheme in the light of the suggestions of the Planning Commission. The revised estimate for Rs. 281 crores received in January, 1992 has been examined in Central Water Commission. The State Government is required to comply with observation of various appraising agencies.

Remodelling and modernisation of Triveni canal to increase its irrigation potential by 16000 hectares was taken up by Government of Bihar in 1980-81. The work was closed in March 1985 when 60 per cent work was completed. In December 1990 the State Government had submitted project proposal on Gandak Phase-II which included completion of remaining works at the estimated cost of Rs. 44.37 crores. The proposal was examined in Central Water Commission. The State Government is required to prepare report for balance works as per guldelines of Central Water Commission.

Percentage of Sweet Water Resources

4631. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Wil the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that overwhelming percentage of sweet water resources exist in the form of molsture and ground water;

(b) whether Government have examined and explored the benefits of conserving water within and below the soil over conserving water on the ground; and

(c) if so, the detalls thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE